

CROSS-LINKED POLYSACCHARIDE DRUG CARRIER  
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A carrier and a method for preparing it are provided for use in the delivery of  
therapeutic agents. A polysaccharide is reacted with an oxidizing agent to open sugar  
rings on the polysaccharide to form aldehyde groups. The aldehyde groups are reacted to  
form covalent oxime linkages with a second polysaccharide and each of the first and  
second polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of hyaluronic acid, dextran,  
10 dextran sulfate, chondroitin sulfate, dermatan sulfate, keratan sulfate, heparan, heparan  
sulfate and alginate.

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